GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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MERGER OF BSNL AND MTNL
BASUDEB ACHARIA

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the merger plan of BSNL and MTNL was floated to strengthen two firms to take on competition from the private sector;

(b) if so, the whether steps have been initiated in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A PRADHAN)

(a) The possibility of merger was considered. However, at present no merger of BSNL and MTNL is proposed.
(b) to (d): Do not arise in view of (a) above.